

VZCZCXRO0496
RR RUEH DU RUEHMR RUEHRN
DE RUEHTO #0475 1430609
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
R 220609Z MAY 08
FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 8905
INFO RUCNSAD/SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY
RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON 0166

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 000475

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: DECL: 05/20/2018

TAGS: [PHUM](#) [PREL](#) [PGOV](#) [KDEM](#) [ZI](#) [MZ](#)

SUBJECT: RAISING ZIMBABWE AT THE UN: DEMARCHE RESPONSE

REF: A. STATE 50339

[1](#)B. STATE 44905

[1](#)C. STATE 44297

Classified By: P/E Chief Matthew Roth, Reasons 1.4(b+d)

[1](#)1. (C) Charge raised reftel points with VFM Henrique Banze on May 12 and new Transportation Minister Paulo Zucula on May 15 (Note: Zucula was most recently the director of Mozambique's Disaster Response Agency, which would have a key role in any humanitarian efforts for Zimbabwean refugees entering Mozambique. End note.). Both expressed pessimism about the current situation in Zimbabwe, but did not give any indication that the GRM--or SADC--would take a stronger public line on the issue anytime soon. On May 16, P/E chief provided Aristides Adriano, special advisor to FM Oldemiro Baloi, extensive documentation and photographic evidence of the abuses taking place in Zimbabwe, as a followup to an earlier request from the FM to the Charge for the information, and also demarched the Charge of the South African High Commission on our views.

[1](#)2. (U) On May 20, the Charge discussed Zimbabwe at length during a roundtable interview with journalists, highlighting the ongoing violence and torture, pressing for stronger regional and SADC postures towards the Mugabe regime, and calling for free and fair runoff elections. At the same venue, PAS provided copies of a DVD with video showing results of abuse and torture in Zimbabwe. Local media on May 21 gave extensive coverage of the interview.

Chapman